

urge my colleagues to vote for the amendment.

TRIBUTE TO REAR ADMIRAL J.
SCOTT BURHOE

HON. JO ANN DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, Coast Guard Officers are measured by the depth of their dedication to protecting our country and its citizens from all enemies, natural disasters and inclement weather. On June 16, 2006 Rear Admiral J. Scott Burhoe will conclude his tenure as Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. Training Center Yorktown is the largest training center in the Coast Guard offering over 100 courses annually to over 8,000 U.S. Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary personnel, employees of numerous state and federal agencies, and members of allied nations.

Since assuming Command of the Training Center in June of 2003, Rear Admiral Burhoe has demonstrated exemplary professional competence, leadership, and initiative, ensuring the safe and effective training to 25,000 Coast Guard members, personnel from U.S. and foreign armed forces, and civilian agencies from more than 75 countries.

Envisioning improved global maritime security, Rear Admiral Burhoe empowered deployable teams on 400 missions to 87 countries, training over 4,000 foreign students which led to events such as the first seizure of a fishing vessel in the Republic of Georgia and reduced fees that Lloyd's of London charges world maritime shipping entering the Port of Aden, Yemen.

His leadership cultivated stellar performance and planning as he hosted two Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences and Mission Day events, providing an opportunity for a diverse group of influential U.S. leaders and Congressional staffers to understand the missions and capabilities of the Coast Guard.

Throughout his time as Training Center Commanding Officer, Rear Admiral Burhoe, fostered and encouraged strong community support through several command sponsored events such as blood drives, Boy Scouts, Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, Yorktown Day, Partnership in Education and others. In the last two years alone, Rear Admiral Burhoe has arranged for more than 600 computers to be donated to local public schools through the Federal Computers for Schools Program.

With his full support, a Memorandum of Understanding was developed with York River Academy, providing local students with a summer job opportunity and an introduction to both the Coast Guard and government employment as well as affording students the opportunity to use and improve their technical skills.

Rear Admiral Burhoe displayed visionary leadership as he revised and guided the mission of the Training Center's Learning Center. Today's Learning Center not only provides a quiet place for junior personnel to study and take military advancement tests, but serves as

a liaison for members to more than 36 colleges and universities offering on-line education, provides office space for two universities who have offered 11 college courses attended by 100 members, hosted two Education Fairs attended by 15 colleges and universities and has assisted 9 members complete bachelor degree requirements.

Rear Admiral Burhoe has also become active in both the Williamsburg and Peninsula Chambers of Commerce, educating members of the on and off duty efforts of Training Center personnel as well as providing recommendations on how the Chambers' could best support area military personnel.

On behalf of my constituents and the communities adjacent to the Training Center, I extend our congratulations to a friend and neighbor, Scott Burhoe, on his accomplishments and recent promotion to Rear Admiral, Lower Half and extend best wishes to him during his next assignment as Assistant Commandant for Governmental and Public Affairs.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
THE JUDICIARY, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill. (H.R. 5576) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007 and for other purposes:

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chairman, the misclassification of employees as independent contractors is a significant problem that annually leads to billions of dollars in lost Federal tax revenue. Employers who misclassify workers as independent contractors do not pay payroll and other taxes on those workers. The employers also gain an unfair advantage over their competitors by eliminating a piece of their labor costs. In the construction industry, for example, a contractor who chose to misclassify his workers as independent contractors would be able to easily underbid other construction companies who followed the law. Misclassification hurts workers and fair employers and has a significant monetary impact on government revenues.

The misclassification of employees as independent contractors is not a new problem. Over the past several decades, the IRS and Congress have periodically investigated the issue of misclassification. In 1984, in an estimate of the extent of misclassification for 5.2 million businesses, the IRS found employers had misclassified 3.4 million employees. Approximately 750,000 employers had misclassified employees as independent contractors. More recent estimates in the 1990s have estimated that the percentage of employer

misclassifying employees has grown even beyond the 15 percent found in 1984. An independent study issued by Harvard Law School's Labor and Worklife Program, found abuses of the term "independent contractor" led up to 19 percent of workers across all industries being misclassified in the State of Massachusetts. Clearly, this problem is not going away on its own.

This misclassification is not merely a problem for workers who can unfairly be left without workers compensation or unemployment insurance. It also impacts local, State and Federal government revenue streams. In 1984, an IRS review found at least \$1.6 billion in Federal tax revenue was lost due to misclassification in that year alone. A 2005 study on the issue in Maine also found a significant loss of State income tax revenue. While the statewide study of misclassification in Maine did not estimate the loss of Federal income tax revenue, it is evident the misclassification issue continues to negatively impact the revenues of the Federal Government as well.

We cannot, in good conscience, continue to ignore the problem of misclassification and its impact on Federal revenues. In a budget climate where many good and necessary programs are shortchanged, we cannot afford to continue losing billions of dollars each year to a problem for which there is no excuse and that we all can agree needs to be fixed.

IN RECOGNITION OF CARLOS E.
PERNELL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, SGT Carlos E. Pernell, 25, from Prattville, Alabama, died on June 6, 2006, in Iraq. Sergeant Pernell was assigned to the Army's B Company, 46th Engineer Battalion at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and according to initial reports was killed due to injuries when his camp came under indirect fire. His survivors include his wife Tiffanie; his daughter Kassidie; his mother Hattie of Prattville, Alabama; and his father, Eugene of Montgomery, Alabama.

Carlos Pernell loved sports, and was a proud father. Like all soldiers, he dutifully left behind his family and loved ones to serve our country overseas.

Words cannot express the sense of sadness we have for his family, and for the gratitude our country feels for his service. Sergeant Pernell died serving not just the United States, but the entire cause of liberty, on a noble mission to help spread the cause of freedom in Iraq and liberate an oppressed people from tyrannical rule. He was a true American.

We will forever hold him closely in our hearts, and remember his sacrifice and that of his family as a remembrance of his bravery and willingness to serve. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the House's remembrance on this mournful day.